(c) if so, what precautions are being taken by Government to prevent these diseases and what action is proposed to be taken against the erring officers, if found any?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) There is only a marginal increase in the cholera cases during the current year upto end of July i.e. 383 cases in comparison to corresponding figure of last year i.e. 314 cases.

As regards gastro-enteritis, there is a slight decrease in the number of cases this year upto end of July i.e. 25781 cases as compared to 28601 cases in the corresponding period of last year.

(b) During 1988 there were 8 reported cases of deaths due to cholera.

(c) The Delhi Administration, Delhi are taking all necessary preventive actions in the matter like surveilliance and monitoring, ensuring supply of safe drinking water, distribution of chlorine tablets, supply of Oral Rehydration Salt, regular cleaning of drains and septic tanks, removal of garbage etc. They have also banned sale of cut fruits and other unhygenic foods and have taken steps to educate people regarding adoption of hygenic practices and taking necessary precautions.

Interest on External Borrowings

*33. SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1201 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th July, 1991 and state;

(a) what is the average interest rates charged by international financial institutions and NRIs on the borrowings made from them;

(b) what is the projected quantum of external borrowings required during the Eighth Plan Period; and

(c) what are the interest and repayment liabilities during the coming three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) The average (weighted) interest rate on the debt outstanding, denominated in different currencies, from the International Financial Institutions, excluding the International Development Association which takes service charges only, works out at 7.4 per cent. The NRI deposits are received under Foreign Currency Non Resident Accounts (FCNRA) Scheme. and Non Resident (External) Rupee Accounts (NR(E)RA) Scheme. The FCNR deposits attract interest rates depending on currency, maturity and market conditions. These rates for FCNR deposits effective from February 8,1991 range between 7.50 to 13.25 per cent per annum depending upon the currency of denomination and maturity period. For the NR(E)RA deposits the rates effective from April 13, 1991 range between 8.5 to 14 per cent depending upon the maturity period of the deposit.

(b) The Eighth Plan scheduled to commence from 1st April 1992 has not been finalise, and it is not possible at this stage to indicate the projected quantum of external borrowings required during the Eighth Plan.

(c) The repayment of principal and payment of interest on outstanding external borrowings from countries/institutions referred to in the unstarred Question is esti-

mated at current exchange rates to be as follows:

(Rs. crores)

	Repayment of Principal	Payment of Interste
1992-93 . .	3326	3692
1993-94 . .	4001	3780
1994-95 . .	4363	3748

Promotion of Urdu by Bureau for promotion of Urdu

*34. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bureau for promotion of Urdu has failed to act as an effective body and to achieve its goal of promotion of Urdu;

(b) whether Jafri Committee on Urdu has also expressed its dissatisfaction on the functioning and efficacy of the Bureau; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) In the Report of the Jafri Committee to examine implementation of Recommendations of Gujral Committee for promotion of Urdu, laid on the Table of Rajya Sabha on 25.7.91, the Committee, inter-alia, had reviewed the functioning of Bureau for promotion of Urdu. The Committee felt that, as a Subordinate office of the Department of Education, the Bureau has not been able to discharge its functions effectively. The Committee has accordingly suggested that the status of the Bureau should be changed to an autonomous body in order to arm it with functional freedom and enhanced financial powers.

(c) The Report of Jafri Committee is under process as per procedure

Super Thermal Power Project at Mangalore Pending Environmental Clearance

*35. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the 2,400 M. W. Super Thermal Power Project at Mangalore, a joint sector Indo-U.S.S.R project is pending for a long time for environmental clearance; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) The project proposal was first referred in July, 1985 but rejected due to non submission of requisite environmental data. Revised proposal was again submitted in August, 1990 with inadequate data. Complete details on rehabilitation, fly ash management and implications of the proposed Mulki dam are awaited from the project authorities.

Dreaded Disease "Kaposi Sarcome" in the Country

*36. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention have been drawn to a press news-item captioned "Dreaded disease kills one in Madhya Pradesh" as reported in the Hindustan Times of the 16th August, 1991;

(b) if so, whether a new dreaded disease "Kaposi Sarcome" which is prevalent only in Africa has reached the country and is believed to be an incurable disease;

(c) if so, whether the Union Government propose to send a team of